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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

We had a wonderful January luncheon meeting at the National Finance Center. There were 53 attendees and among them there were three new members. Our speaker Earline Brown, Internal Revenue Service, IRS representative gave an update on what is new this tax year. Thanks to all of you who joined us for this worthwhile presentation. Thanks to Gerry, Knica and Ida for all their hard work and support. For those members who couldn't attend the January meeting, please take time to visit our website www.nfc.usda.gov/aga/index.html to view Ms. Brown's presentation on the IRS update.

Our February dinner meeting held at the Belle Terre country club was wonderful, as we shared this meeting with the members of the Baton Rouge Chapter. We were honored to listen to the wise words of wisdom for our AGA National President, Sam Mok who was the speaker. One of his points he spoke of was that businesses who are no longer in existence, because they didn't accept changes or learned how to move forward using new ideas and technology. He asked the audience how many were under the age of 30. Only three raised their hands. It's very important to recruit college students, as well as other employees as new members, as they are our future. Membership is a very important entity of our organization. So, I'm asking each member from our chapter to recruit just one friend or co worker. Encourage them to visit our website, as there's a wealth of knowledge. For instance, there are many government financial issues

and changes in the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act that President Obama and his Administration are presently facing. Log on the website and get informed as the changes affects all of us and our future.

The Professional Development Conference, PDC will be held in New Orleans on June 21st through June 24th. Gary Millet, PDC Host Committee Chairman, will be soliciting your help in assisting him with many tasks that are assigned to our chapter. It is important for everyone to get involved. We have such a strong chapter and I want to thank everyone in advance for supporting and committing the efforts needed to make this PDC the best ever.

The Spring Luncheon Seminar will be held at Zea's Rotisserie and Grill on April 16, 2009 from 11:30 A.M. – 3:30 P. M.. The restaurant is located at 1525 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans. Our theme is "A Government Perspective: Strategies for Financial Empowerment" Please send in your reservations as soon as possible to Tracy Rollins, Chris Lewis and/or Gary Millet.

I hope many of you will also join me at the Five Happiness Restaurant, Thursday, March 19th. The dinner meeting is a joint meeting with Association of Women Accountants and National Association of Black Accountants.

I hope to see all of you there.

Marcie A. Tureaud

Dinner Meeting Thursday, March 19, 2009.

Place: Five Happiness, Imperial Room
3511 South Carrollton Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118
504-482-3935

Time: 5:30 pm Social Period with Cash bar
6:00 pm Dinner and Meeting

Price: \$26.00 (members and non-members)

Buffet Menu: Egg Roll; Chicken Wings; Sweet and Sour chicken; Shrimp with Honey Roasted Pecans; General's Chicken; Beef with Black Mushrooms, snow peas, and bamboo shoots; Triple Dragon in Hot Garlic Sauce; Combination Rice; Iced Tea or Soft Drink; Almond Cookie, Fortune Cookie

Speaker: – Paul Thiels

Mr. Thiels is a Regional Director for Genworth Financial and is a Principal in the Cypress Consulting Group. He has 23 years of financial management and wealth building experience. His speech will be on the financial markets, the state of the economy, and what we can do in these challenging times.

Please email your reservations to: Knica Lloyd, KLloyd@lla.state.la.us; Ida Holmes, IHolmes@stjohn.k12.la.us; or Gary Millet, gary.millet@usda.gov.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 2009 AGA Meeting:



The joint meeting with the Baton Rouge Chapter was called to order by President Marcie Turdeau and 6:10. At that time she introduced the head table and reminded everyone of the upcoming Audio Conference and PDC Conference that is being held in New Orleans this year.

The President of the Baton Rouge Chapter welcomed everyone and several Chapter Officers gave reports.

Clyde Mc Shan then led the group in the pledge and gave the invocation.

The meeting then broke for dinner.

Julian Renthrope past AGA Chapter and National President recognized Clyde Mc Shan also former National President and then introduced the evening's speaker AGA National President Sam Mock.

Mr. Mock introduced himself and gave a very interesting recap of his origin and accomplishments over his career. Mr. Mock was born in China and raised in Hong Kong. He is the 1st National President who is not of American decent. Mr. Monk worked as an accountant and has been Comptroller for the U S Treasury and the first Chief Financial Officer of the Treasury.

Mr. Mock the gave a very informative presentation of what an AGA National President does and what the Chapter should be doing. He stressed that members should read their Topic publication and keeps informed. He talked about the AGA sponsored radio program that can be heard each day and suggested that chapters be formed at Colleges.

Mr. Mock also discussed his thoughts on our current economic situation and he felt the country was going to have more on a "reset" of the economy and not a "recovery". He stated our cost of living is in need of readjusting.

After Mr. Mock's conclusion he drew the winner of the 50-50 raffle which was won by a member of the Baton Rouge Chapter.

Marcie reminded everyone that the New Orleans Chapter's next meeting is the joint meeting with ASWA on March 19th at the Five Happiness Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CGFM

ANNUAL CGFM RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your CGFM designation and/or AGA membership! Below you'll find answers to frequently asked questions about CGFM renewal:

Q: How often do I have to renew my CGFM designation?

A: CGFM certification is renewed on an annual basis. The invoices are going out in February and the payment is due by March 31st. If you do not receive an invoice by the end of February, please call AGA at 1.800.AGA.7211. You can also renew your CGFM now in the "Members only" section of AGA website (<https://members.agacgfm.org/>).

If your address has recently changed, please be sure to update your contact information with AGA and pay your dues in the "Members only" section of AGA website.

If your CGFM is not currently active, please visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/ for more information on reactivation requirements.

Q: What are the requirements for maintaining the CGFM certification in an active status?

A: To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

-- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.-- Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.-- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics. By submitting their annual renewal payment, GFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE Requirements.

Q: How do I determine my CPE cycle?

A: Your first two-year CPE cycle starts on January 1st of the year following the one when your CGFM was awarded (for example, if your CGFM was awarded in 2001, your first CPE cycle was 1/1/02-12/31/03). The award date is listed on your CGFM certificate. Your current CPE cycle is listed on your renewal invoice. For a table of all CPE cycles visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm_calendar.aspx.

Q: My two-year CPE cycle just ended on December 31, 2008, but I did not complete 80 CPEs in 2007-2008. Can I make up the deficiency?

A: Yes. CGFMs who have not completed the 80 CPE hours in 2007-2008 cycle have until March 31, 2009 to make up the deficiency. Any CPE hours completed toward a deficiency in one period must be documented in the CPE records and may not be counted toward the requirements for the next two-year

period. More information on CGFM CPE requirements can be found on www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cpe_requirements.aspx.

Q: I just retired. Do I need to do anything to adjust my CGFM status to "retired"?

A: Yes. Individuals who have permanently retired AND are not working in the field of financial management can request an adjustment of their status to "retired" by contacting AGA's Office of Professional Certification (by mail or e-mail at agacgfm@agacgfm.org - please provide the date of retirement and confirm that since retiring you have not worked in the field of financial management). CGFMs in retired status are not required to remit the CGFM renewal fee or earn the 80 CPE hours, but must clearly indicate their retired status by using "CGFM-Retired" after their name and using "Retired" or "Retired status" on a resume, bio or other statements of qualification.

If retired CGFMs return to work in the field of financial management, they must contact AGA to change their status back to "active."

More information on CGFM renewal policies can be found on www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service (AGA) Cell Phones Drive (March 2009) Your Donated Phone could save a life!

Please consider donating your old used cell phones. These phones could be reconditioned and processed by supporting agencies at no charge and given to victims and their families. There are no costs at all to victims in desperate situations and they receive FREE emergency use cell phones.



Spread the word to co-workers, family members, church members, etc. Please remember to bring your unused cell phones to the next dinner meeting or contact your Community Service Chairperson to have your phones picked up.

Contact: Monique Banks, Co-Chair Community Service 504-426-0282
Linda Lewis, Co-Chair Community Service 504-426-6121.
Marcie Tureaud, AGA President New Orleans Chapter 504-426-5367

Together we can make a difference!

EDUCATION

AGA'S NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER MEETINGS 2008-2009 (TENTATIVE)

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SPEAKER
March 19, 2009	5:30 P.M.	Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants
April 16, 2009	11:30 A.M..	Zea's Rotisserie & Grill 1525 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana 70130	John L. Morehead Sedrick Thomas Mark Rosa
May 21, 2009	5:30 P.M	Green Acres Country Club 5000 W. Napoleon Ave. Metairie, LA	Crawfish Boil
June 19, 2009 (Depends on Schedule)	Tentatively Cancelled due to PDC	Zephyr Stadium 6000 Airline Drive Metairie, LA	Chapter Awards Ceremony And Baseball Game

AGA New Orleans Chapter Educational Sessions - 2008-2009

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SESSION / SPEAKER
May 13, 2009	1:00 P.M. to 2:50 P.M.	National Finance Center MAF Auditorium 13800 Old Gentilly Rd New Orleans, LA	Ethics in Government

MISCELLANEOUS

April 16, 2009 Spring Seminar

REGISTRATION FEE: (Open Registration form below)

Early - Payments on or before Monday, April 6th \$ 60.00

Standard - Payments after April 6th \$75.00

Please email your registration form and reservations to: Tracey Rollins at, Tracy.Rollins@usda.gov, Chris Lewis at, christopher.lewis@usda.gov, or Gary Millet at, gary.millet@usda.gov.

Zea's Rotisserie & Grill (Open PDF form below)

1525 St. Charles Ave.

New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

11:30 am – 3:30 pm

The lunch buffet will feature the following items:

Zeasar Salad - Crisp romaine ribbons, radicchio, zesty Caesar dressing and Parmesan cheese

Rotisserie Chicken - Seasoned with a terrific blend of herbs and then roasted on an open flame.

Shrimp Breaux Bridge Pasta - Shrimp sautéed in garlic and herbs, tossed in a cream sauce and served over penne pasta

Zea's signature side of Corn Grits

A delectable scoop of Zea's award winning Sweet Potato Bread Pudding



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1 Strategies for Empowerment -Registration

Attention Chapter Members – Here's your opportunity to purchase an AGA New Orleans Chapter shirt! (Pictured in February Meeting Minutes article above)

Type of shirt? A long sleeve twill blend (cotton & polyester) shirt in Mardi Gras colors.

Color? Mardi Gras "Purple" with embroidered stitching of the AGA logo in "Gold", the New Orleans Chapter name & two small fleur de lis in "Green"

Sizes? Women's – Small to 2XL (no button down collar and no pocket)

Men's – Small to 4XL (with button down collar and a pocket)

Cost? Small to XL - \$29.00
2XL - \$31.50
3XL - \$32.50
4XL - \$34.25

TO ORDER NOW: Contact Pam Lincoln
Cell: 504-259-5229/O: 504-426-0422
E-mail: pamela.lincoln@usda.gov

VOLUNTEERS needed for the AGA/PDC 2009 in New Orleans

The PDC will be in New Orleans in less than 4 months, June 21-24. Volunteers are needed to ensure a successful and profitable conference. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. However, rest assured, there is also a lot of fun to be had at this conference in New Orleans.

If you are interested in volunteering to work, from Saturday, June 20, thru Wednesday, June 24, please email or fax a letter to me confirming your desire to volunteer ASAP. I will add you to the list of volunteers I started in Atlanta last year. I have a form that the National office sent me that all volunteers must complete and forward to the National office. I will forward that form to each of the volunteers on my list by mid-March. So sign up ASAP to get on the list.

Thanks.

Gary A. Millet
Chairman, AGA PDC 2009 New Orleans Host Committee
504-426-1014
303-274-3800 FAX

From: Michelle Evilia, CPA, Association of Women Accountants

Please encourage your association members to volunteer for the LCPA/JA Financial Literacy Day, a very worthy public service activity.

The attached flyer may be used for your promotion of the public service activity.



For additional information, please contact:

Ann Lupo
LCPA Communications & PR Manager
2400 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Suite 500
Kenner, LA 70062-4739
Toll-Free 800-288-5272 ext. 125 €Direct (504) 904-1125
Fax (504) 469-7930 €Website at www.lcpa.org

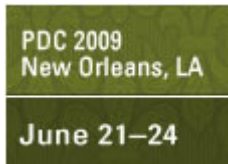
Remember to Feed the Pig - www.feedthepig.org

We appreciate your participation and the volunteers support for the Junior Achievement Financial Literacy Day.

Would you like to serve on the Executive Committee or as a Committee Chairman or Co-Chair? Never thought of it? Well, you need to consider it! Help plan Chapter activities, learn more about AGA National plans and initiatives, have fun, learn more about your fellow members and yourself ---- it is a rewarding experience!

Contact Amanda Green at algreen@uno.edu or 504.231.3053 with your area(s) of interest.

PDC 2009 Chapter Hotel Scholarships



The 58th Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) will take place **June 21–24** in New Orleans, LA. This year, conference attendees will be housed in two headquarter hotels. Chapters wishing to participate in the hotel scholarship will be housed in the Sheraton New Orleans. The Sheraton is now taking reservations and can be reached at 888.627.7033; be sure to mention that you are attending the “AGA PDC” to receive the discounted rate.

The AGA room rate is \$120 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are only guaranteed until **May 29, 2009**, *or until the block is sold out*. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

**NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

**STATEMENT OF NET
ASSETS**

November 30, 2008

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	\$3,809.73
Savings	1,860.14
Accounts Receivable	2,200.00
Deposit – Restaurants	200.00
Prepaid Seminar Expenses	672.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$8,741.87</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET
ASSETS**

Accounts Payable	<u>935.00</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Hurricane Relief Fund	\$2,709.25
Membership Recruitment	300.00
Habitat Project Funds	243.47
Unrestricted net assets	<u>4,554.15</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND NET ASSETS**

\$8,741.87

Katrina Relief Fund (Details)

Donations Received	+\$10,661.50
Member Dues Rebate	4,638.50
Members Meeting Subsidy	2,328.75
Audio Conf. Subsidy	435.00
April Spring Seminar	875.00

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENSES**

For 5 months ended to November 30, 2008

OPERATING REVENUES

Education/Training	\$790.00
Business Meetings	1,811.00
50/50 Raffle	70.00
Membership Dues	187.90
Donations	116.00
Interest Income	2.52
Total operating revenue	<u>\$2,977.42</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Education/Training	\$448.00
Business Meetings	2,043.41
Speakers Gifts	0.00
AGA PDC Raffle Basket	0.00
50/50 Raffle	35.00
Postage/Supplies/Gifts	0.00
Bank Charges	5.00
Scholarship Winner	0.00
Donations	116.00
Officer Awards	0.00

Total operating expenses \$2,647.41

OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) \$330.01

**NONOPERATING REVENUES
(EXPENSES)** .00

**INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE
CONTRIBUTIONS** \$330.01

National Office Donation +325.00 **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** \$330.01

**NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING
OF PERIOD** \$4,224.14

Remaining Balance \$2,709.25

**NET ASSETS AT END OF
PERIOD** \$4,554.15

RECOGNITION POINTS 2008-2009

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through Dec. 2008
Communications	3,000	3,935
Membership	3,000	725
Community Service	2,000	800
Awards	1,000	200
Chapter Leadership, Planning/ Participation	3,000	2,350
Education & Professional Development	4,000	2,025
Certification	4,000	1,375
Total	20,000	11,410



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